

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the June 13, 2007 Office Action regarding the above-identified application, and the claim amendments above together with these remarks are presented in a bona fide effort to respond thereto and address all issues raised in that Action. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of claims that are allowable over the art of record. Claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 28-30, 32, 34 and 35 stand allowed, and the Action indicates that claims 11, 12, 15, 22, 25 and 31 would be allowable if amended to eliminate indefiniteness. Pending claim 33 was not specifically mentioned in the Action but presumably would be allowable together with allowable parent claim 28.

The only issue raised in the Action was a rejection of claims 11, 12, 15, 22, 25 and 31 for indefiniteness, on grounds that particular terms listed in the rejection lacked antecedent basis in the claims. Each rejected claim is amended above to eliminate the antecedent basis problem. Although not listed among the rejected claims, it is noted that claim 34 is similar to several of the rejected claims, therefore claim 34 has been amended as well to insure clarity. In view of the claim amendments, the indefiniteness rejection should now be overcome.

Upon entry of the above claim amendments, claims 9-17, 19-26 and 28-35 remain active in this application, all of which should be definite as well as allowable over the art. Applicant therefore submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, as indicated in the latest Office Action. Accordingly, this case should now be ready to pass to issue; and Applicant respectfully requests a prompt favorable reconsideration of this matter.

It is believed that this response addresses all issues raised in the June 13, 2007 Office Action. However, if any further issue should arise that may be addressed in an interview or by

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an Examiner's amendment, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's representative at the number shown below.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith E. George", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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